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TAGS: ENRG, IR

SUBJ: OIL AGREEMENT

FOR UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON FROM AMBASSADOR

REF: STATE 016599

1. MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE ANSARY NOW AT HOME FROM HOSPITAL BUT IN BED. ASKED ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WARM MESSAGE CONTAINED REFTEL.

2. AFTER I HAD DELIVERED ON EVENING OF JANUARY 23 YOUR ORAL MESSAGE ABOUT STATUS OF OIL AGREEMENT AND CONGRESSIONAL SOUNDINGS, ANSARY WENT OVER WITH ME AGAIN HIS BELIEF THAT "UNDERSTANDING" HAD BEEN REACHED AT LONDON MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY AND YOU AND THAT, ALTHOUGH ONE KEY ELEMENT (I.E. DISCOUNT) REMAINED TO BE WORKED OUT, TIME SHOULD NOT BE USED NOW FOR ARTICULATION OF "UNDERSTANDING" BUT RATHER EFFORTS ON BOTH SIDES SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO DRAFTING THE ARRANGEMENTS TOGETHER. IN OTHER WORDS, SINCE IT AGREED IN LONDON TO DEVELOP JOINT DRAFT, ANSARY FEELS THAT BOTH SIDES SHOULD SIT DOWN NOW AND GET ON WITH THE DRAFTING. TO THIS END HE WANTS YOU TO KNOW THAT HE WILL MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE EVEN THOUGH HE HAS BEEN ORDERED TO REST BY HIS DOCTORS. HE GOES TO PARIS ON TUESDAY JANUARY 27, THEN ON TO NEW YORK WHERE HE ARRIVES AFTERNOON OF THURSDAY JANUARY 29. IN NEW YORK HE WILL STAY EITHER AT THE WALDORF TOWERS OR IN THE NEW YORK

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HOSPITAL. HE IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR NASSAU ON FEBRUARY 5.

HE WILL MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE TO YOU FOR DRAFTING PURPOSES  
EITHER IN NEW YORK OR IN NASSAU.

3. GENERALLY RELATED TO THE FOREGOING, MINISTER OF COURT ALAM  
ASKED ME TO BREAKFAST THIS MORNING (JANUARY 24)  
SO THAT WE COULD SEE EACH OTHER PRIOR TO MY DEPARTURE FOR  
WASHINGTON TOMORROW. THE BURDEN OF HIS MESSAGE WAS THE  
SAME AS WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING FROM ALL HIGH IRANIAN  
OFFICIALS IN RECENT DAYS: DEEP CONCERN ABOUT THE FALL  
OFF IN OIL LIFTINGS, THE EFFECT THIS IS HAVING ON THE  
GOVERNMENT'S BUDGET, WHAT TO DO AND WHERE TO TURN  
IN THIS CRISIS. I DID MY BEST TO HOLD UP OUR SIDE, BUT  
IRAN IS FEELING THE PRESSURE RIGHT NOW, NO QUESTION  
ABOUT IT. HELM

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